Marshall, Robert J

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Toronto, Oct.15th, 1913.

The Cockburn Lumber & Concrete Co.,

Dundas, Ont.

Gentlemen:-

I received three bricks from you this morning in good condition. I am waiting for a letter explaining the circumstances surrounding the selection of same.

I note from the ads. enclosed that you intend advertising the tests as being from the University of Toronto. I may say in this regard that those tests quoted were not made by the University but by myself and the University does not allow the use of its name in the connection you have used it at all. I am pointing out a difficulty which you can avoid and save yourself a lot of trouble before it is too late. If the results you publish are intended to represent stress per sq. inch you are very much in error for the loads published are for a 2" cylinder. If Mr. Doolittle quoted you the results as given in your advertising he certainly intended to mislead you.

Yours truly,

Robt. J. Marshall,

Faculty of Applied Science & Eng.,

University of Toronto.

P.S.

I received by the evening mail a letter from F.M.Whitby, Hamilton.

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Canada Crushed Stone
Corporation, Limited

CRUSHED STONE
FLUX STONE
BUILDING STONE
BLAST FURNACE SLAG

Dundas,
Ontario,

Nov.6th, 1913.

Principal, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

A letter written on behalf of the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering, University of Toronto, and signed by one Robt. J. Marshall has just come to my notice.

I am at an absolute loss to understand the meaning of this letter, therefore wish to draw your attention to same. A copy of this letter I am enclosing, and have underlined part of which referrs particularly to me.

The dealings which we have had with the University in regards to this matter are as follows:-

About March 1st I went down to Toronto and at the Engineering Building University of Toronto, I enquired if we could have some tests made on the strength of limestone screenings ~~and~~ in concrete. At the office there I was referred to Robt. J. Marshall who had charge of your Testing Laboratory, I then went and saw Mr. Marshall telling him what I wanted, and on March 7th I wrote the University of Toronto attention Mr. Marshall asking to have comparative tests of our limestone screenings against Lake Ontario Sand and Ottawa Illinois Sand.

On May 7th we received your report on same. I say your report, as same was written on University of Toronto Paper and signed by Robt. J. Marshall. The abbreviation which is used in this report regarding the stress is as follows:- (Ult. stress per sq.in., Average stress per sq. in.) Absolutely nothing is said about a 2" cylinder which is referred to in the enclosed letter. I therefore cannot see how I have twisted or made any misuse of the report of tests furnished us by the University of Toronto.

In regards to using the University of Toronto's name in advertising, would say, that on July 7th we wrote the University of Toronto attention Mr. Marshall in regard to the second set of tests you made for as follows:-

"Might we ask you to send us the result of the last test you made for us on University of Toronto Paper. You are no doubt aware that we will use these tests in promoting the use of our screenings, and therefore, are anxious to have the result on the University Paper". To this letter we received no reply.

I would kindly ask you to take this matter up at once and show me where I am wrong, and further I demand an apology from the University of Toronto and Robt. J. Marshall for the statement that " I certainly intended to mislead." A copy of which must be sent to J. W. Cockburn President of the Cockburn

Lumber & Concrete Company.

To be honest, I was absolutely dumb-founded when I saw the expression of this letter, and not being used to be called a liar, I somewhat resent same.

If these tests which you have sent us are not correct, I think you should refund to my company the money we have paid for same.

Yours truly,

C.W. Doolittle

President,

Canada Crushed Stone Corporation, Limited.

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